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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

Previously submitted:

Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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Attached is/are:

An Information Disclosure Statement

An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

 Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A Request fee of \$810 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).
- An extension fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time.

 Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$810.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 3, 2008  
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